

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/GB 00/03905

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 G01R33/383 H01F7/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 G01R H01F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)
INSPEC, WPI Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	EP 0 467 437 A (ESAOTE BIOMEDICA SPA) 22 January 1992 (1992-01-22) page 4, line 23 - line 33 page 11, line 53 -page 16, line 8 figure 13	1-6, 11-16 7-10,15
A	M.G. ABELE, J.H. JENSEN: "Hybrid pole pieces for permanent magnets" JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSICS, vol. 79, 1996, pages 5199-5201, XP000695732 the whole document --- -/--	1-16

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- *Z* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

30 January 2001

Date of mailing of the international search report

06/02/2001

Name and mailing address of the ISA
European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl.
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Volmer, W

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Inter national Application No

PCT/GB 00/03905

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	P. KONZBUL, K. SVEDA: "Shim coils for NMR and MRI solenoid magnets" MEASUREMENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, vol. 6, 1995, pages 1116-1123, XP000525063 ISSN: 0957-0233 the whole document	1-16
A	WO 93 04493 A (BRITISH TECHNOLOGY GROUP USA) 4 March 1993 (1993-03-04) page 5, paragraph 3 -page 6, paragraph 2 page 15, paragraph 2 -page 18, paragraph 2 & EP 0 601 101 A 15 June 1994 (1994-06-15) cited in the application	1-16

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/GB 00/03905

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
EP 467437	A	22-01-1992	IT 1247385 B JP 5192309 A	12-12-1994 03-08-1993
WO 9304493	A	04-03-1993	US 5266913 A AU 658348 B AU 2557692 A CA 2115577 A EP 0601101 A JP 2997061 B JP 7500223 T	30-11-1993 06-04-1995 16-03-1993 04-03-1993 15-06-1994 11-01-2000 05-01-1995